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## CARS COLLIDE ON A BRIDGE

Sixty Were On the Cars When Collision Occurred. Brakes Failed to Work. Four Dead Bodies Have Been Recovered.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 4.—At least four persons were killed and thirty were badly hurt here late yesterday in a collision between two street cars on the West Third street bridge. The force of the impact caused the wooden bridge to collapse, and the cars fell thirty feet to the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and came near colliding into the Cuyahoga river. Four bodies were recovered shortly afterward, and several other dead were believed to be in the wreckage.

There were forty persons on one car and twenty on the other, and that so many escaped unhurt was regarded as almost miraculous. It was at first believed the death list would reach fifty.

The accident occurred when a south bound Scranton road car carrying a crowd of women shoppers home at the rush hour broke away from the motorman on a hill approaching the bridge and tore down upon the structure just as a north bound car reached the same point. The runaway car jumped the track and struck the north bound car. Under the combined weight of the two cars and the shock of the collision, the bridge fell.

Edna Wadlington, an Erie Railroad telephone operator, saw the accident from where she sat at her switchboard and turned in a call for ambulances, doctors and the fire department. Hundreds within earshot of the scene heard the cries of pain and terror as the cars carried their burden to death or injury, and the work of rescue began at once. Those who had not been seriously hurt extricated themselves and gave aid to those less fortunate. It was not long until thirty had been taken out and carried to hospitals. Some of these probably are fatally injured.

Mayor Harry L. Davis and Public Utilities Director Thomas Farrell announced that an inquiry in an effort to place the responsibility for the disaster will be held.

H. T. Daniel, motorman of the south bound runaway car, escaped serious injury, but his conductor is among the dead. Daniel said the brakes of his car failed to work.

The south bound car was smashed flat by the force of the crash. No part of its framework was left intact. The north bound car was badly damaged.

A delivery wagon and horse and driver also went down with the structure. The fate of the driver has not been ascertained.

Baltimore and Ohio Railway and all street car traffic over the structure was brought to a standstill.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Last Sunday at the close of the morning service, the various committees of the Christian church, appointed some time before, made their first monthly report of their activities during the month of September. These reports showed considerable interest in this work, and give promise of much good to be accomplished in the future. On account of the union meeting of welcome to the new pastor of the Baptist church, no services were held in the evening at the opera house. Next Sunday Mr. Sprague will use as his subject for the morning service "The Revival." There will be no service at the evening hour by the Christian church, but there will be a grand meeting of all the churches of the city at the opera house at 7:30 o'clock in the interest of the Sunday school work. The Christian church is always glad to co-operate with the other churches in all movements that work towards a closer fellowship, and therefore gladly gives up its regular service, and welcomes everybody to their place of worship. Let us all get together and work together in harmony and with zeal that we may unitedly press on for the conquest of the world for Christ and His church.

### THE WEATHER.

Maximum temperature . . . . .83  
Minimum temperature . . . . .66  
Sun . . . . .83  
Col. John W. Burton left yesterday afternoon for Jacksonville, where he went to transact business for several days.

## EVEN "SPUDS" ARE HIGHER

High Cost of Living Shows Materially. All Classes of Food Stuffs Are Climbing Toward the Sky Line, and End Not Yet in Sight.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Marked increase in the cost of living is shown by the tendency of the prices of food stuffs on October 1, reports of which are just being received at the department of agriculture from the principal markets of the country.

With flour selling at prices higher than at any time since the civil war, due principally to the shortage of the wheat crop this year, the cost of potatoes has mounted for the same reason. Meat prices continue to advance, with prices paid producers of meat animals showing almost 24 per cent. over what was paid a year ago. Butter, eggs and cheese are selling at higher prices for this time of year than they were last year, and beans show an increase of more than 70 per cent. over a year ago, because of the short crop. Onions are more than 58 per cent. higher, and cabbage more than 50 per cent. higher.

Prices paid to producers of farm products increased 9.3 per cent. during August, while during the last eight years these prices have shown a decrease of about 2.1 per cent. during that month. September began with the index figures of these prices 21.9 per cent. higher than it was a year ago.

Butter was selling about 12 per cent. higher than a year ago, according to the latest statistics available at the department of agriculture, the price was 1 cent a pound higher than it had been. In the last eight years at this time of the year, eggs are selling five cents a dozen higher than last year, but were lower for the period than in several of the last eight years.

Potatoes were selling 116 per cent. higher than a year ago. Cheese has advanced in price more than 125 per cent. than a year ago, and is higher than in the last eight years, being 1.5 cents a pound more than the highest price in those years.

Beef cattle are more than 7 per cent. higher; veal calves more than 10 per cent. higher; sheep more than 8 per cent. higher; lambs more than 20 per cent. higher, and hogs more than 10 per cent. higher.

### POLICE GUARD

#### ATLANTA CARS.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 3.—With the police under instructions to prevent crowds gathering on the streets and to arrest any one interfering in any way with car crews, service on the local and suburban lines of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company, on which a strike was called Saturday to gain higher wages, was begun yesterday morning. At the car barns police were stationed to prevent depredations by strike sympathizers.

A meeting of the police commissioners attended by board of trade representatives and other civic organizations resulted in an order to patrolmen to keep everything moving and prevent gatherings such as those Saturday night and Sunday, when several thousand men and boys assembled at prominent points and heated and loaded car crews operating trains.

Officials of the street car company said today that with the exception of "trippers," which run during rush hours, service was normal. They asserted that less than 100 men out of more than 1,000 car men had quit. Union men assert that nearly 400 men are on strike.

Chief of Police Mayo has ordered all policemen to remain on duty 12 hours and added to the force twenty supernumerary policemen. Nothing was done, he said, looking to the acceptance of the offer of representatives of business men and other organizations to underwrite the salaries city has had no money to pay.

### BRIDE AND GROOM RETURN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kimmell have returned to Arcadia after spending a honeymoon of a month in Kansas. Colorado and other points in the west. Mrs. Kimmell was Miss Rebecca Mathis before she married. She is well known in Arcadia. Their many friends extend hearty congratulations.

Chesterfield Hays is confined to his home with an attack of fever.

## VALUE OF CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING FULLY EXEMPLIFIED

Some people have never as yet become fully aware of the value of newspaper advertising. When this is done conservatively and truthfully, it becomes of incalculable value. Especially is this true in regard to agricultural products, for what is said by the papers of the state along this line is often published in the leading journals of the country and thus give publicity to this news that is scarcely dreamed of by many. To illustrate our meaning in the most practical manner possible, the following was published in the Manufacturers' Record, a journal of national reputation and wide circulation, giving some facts in regard to Florida as a corn producing state. Don't think that when the News goes out to its few thousands of subscribers that the matter ends there, far from it. Some of these items go out in geometrical progression, first being reproduced in many of the papers of the state, and then, as is often the case, the article is a comment on it, finds its way into the biggest papers of the whole country. Here is the article referred to, which was translated to hundreds of thousands of readers:

"Florida's standing as a corn state is not generally recognized throughout the north, but is a matter of fact even has been raised on an extensive

scale in a number of Florida counties for a great many years. An eye-witness along this line is furnished by the announcement that one corn field on what is known as the Young Farms, in the bottom lands of the Oklawaha river, Marion county, Florida, consists of 1,000 acres of nothing but corn. Various tests throughout the big field have demonstrated that an average of eighty-five bushels to the acre will be harvested. It is reported that the entire cost of raising and harvesting the crop will be slightly over \$8,000. As the field of corn is worth upwards of \$80,000, a princely profit is seen in this one year's crop.

"In addition to the 1,000 acres of corn, the same farm has 100 acres in cowpeas, 125 acres of rice, 50 acres of navy beans, 5 acres of dashen, and 5 acres of amber sorghum. It is stated that the rice crop will bring between \$9,000 and \$10,000, and that this will pay for the entire farming operations.

"It is stated by the Leesburg (Fla.) Commercial that, in addition to the Young Farms, there are 17,000 acres of rich black muck lands in the Oklawaha river valley which have now been drained and made ready for the raising of bumper corn and other crops."

### HOT WATER

Makes Possible Late Seeding of Bur Clover.

The best way to sow bur clover is in the bur. In this way no inoculating material is necessary, since the method of harvesting the bur, collects the inoculating organisms from the ground. Furthermore, the uncleaned seed have been found to give a higher percentage germination than the cleaned. The usual time of sowing seed in the bur is August or early September. Later seedings do not, as a rule, give a good stand, but by the following procedure, outlined by E. S. Pace, district agent for the University of Florida Extension Division, the uncleaned seed may be sown as late as October or early November.

Wash the burs in cold water to remove the inoculating material. This water must be saved. Then place the seed in a wire basket or sack to facilitate handling, and dip them in boiling water one minute. Each dip should consist of a small quantity of seed so that the water will be able to penetrate to all the burs and soften them. Another disadvantage of large quantities would be that they would lower the temperature of the water below the boiling point and reduce its effectiveness.

As soon as the burs have cooled they should be dried in the cold water in which they were originally washed so that they may be re-inoculated. It is important that the seed be given the washing previously referred to because the boiling water will kill the inoculating organisms, and they are necessary to the life of the clover. The burs should not be allowed time to ferment or dry before they are sown. It is well to sow after a rain or at least on a moist seed bed, else the soil will draw the moisture from the seed and arrest germination.

### FALL WEBB WORM DAMAGES THE TREES.

The fall web worm can be easily detected by the web mass which it spins in the trees. As a rule growers burn the nests and the caterpillars on the tree with a torch—if they try to control them at all. They should be taken out of the trees, but not with fire. Fire should not be used, especially in pecan trees, since it is apt to injure the wood and thus pave the entrance for insects and diseases.

J. R. Watson, entomologist to the University of Florida experiment station, recommends that a pole with some sort of hook arrangement be used to pull the nests and the caterpillars out of the tree. Then they may be burned or dropped in a vessel containing water overlaid with kerosene.

## GERMANY WILL BE OUR FRIEND

United States Consul at Hamburg on Furlough at Home, Says Germans Will Be Ready for Any Trade War Allies May Undertake.

New York, Oct. 4.—Germany will be ready for any trade war her enemies may wage against her, says General Henry H. Morgan, United States consul general at Hamburg, who has just returned from his post. "The general said that Germany expects America to be her closest trade associate after the war, and that German business men expect the most friendly business relations between the two nations.

"Germany expects, in fact, she realizes, that for a time after the war her trade with the nations of the allies will be subject to great restrictions," he said. "Germany has not been blind to the action taken by the allies at their recent economic conference at Paris, but Germany expects to do a big business with America. Regardless of feelings that may have been engendered by the war, Germany expects cordial trade relations with the United States."

German bankers will be in a position after the war to assist trade developments in the fullest measure, declared General Morgan. He said Germany has sent little money out of the country for war expenses as compared with what the allies had sent to America, and that the German store of gold will have a tendency to prevent any crippling of her ability to meet England in a struggle for world trade.

### ARCADIA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Arcadia Fire Department has received the new suits ordered by the fire chief. The suits consist of a rubber coat made of durable thick rubber, and a hat made of the same material. These suits were used last night in the weekly fire drill. The drill last night was a very pretty affair, as it was headed by Fire Chief McDermott and the big truck followed. When the city gets these asphalt pavements the company will be able to get to the fire in "a little or a time." Last night's drill consisted of hose and ladder work. The company is getting quite proficient in this line of work, and it all looks like a city fire department. Arcadia is to be congratulated on such a good volunteer fire department.

### GERMAN VILLAGE IN UNITED STATES.

Philadelphia, Oct. 4.—A German village is being constructed by the federal sailors of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich and the Kron Prinz Wilhelm in a corner of the Philadelphia navy yard, where they will live under a guard of United States marines until the close of the war.

When the two vessels were conveyed here from Norfolk a tract of about nine acres was set aside for the sailors. A small church, a wind mill and farm buildings are being erected, and the 344 men from the vessels will organize a community patterned after a small town in Germany. They will raise vegetables in season, and another tract has been laid out as an athletic field.

### JOHN A. CRAFT NEW ASSISTANT MARSHAL.

At the council meeting Monday the council received the resignation of Deputy Marshal MacL. Martin. Mayor Royal, in co-operation with the council, appointed John A. Craft as deputy to Chief Harward. Mr. Craft is well known in Arcadia, as he has been with the ice company for several years, and all who know him predict a good term of office.

### TAMPA AUTO TRUCK RUNS OVER MAN.

Tampa, Oct. 4.—While attempting to cross Franklin street yesterday morning about 11 o'clock, Jerry W. Taylor, a contractor, was run over by an automobile truck and is now in a serious condition at the Gordon Keller Memorial Hospital. The truck passed directly over his abdomen, and he is suffering from internal injuries as well as a fractured rib.

Ben Brown, a well known Tampa traveling man, is in Arcadia today attending to business.

Mrs. N. H. Sauls, of Ona, arrived yesterday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rodgers.

## CARRANZA ACTS CAUSE PROTESTS

France and England Have a Grouch Against Mexico, and Take Their Troubles to the Washington Government for Help.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Strong protest has been made to the state department by the British and French embassies against the action of the Carranza government in Mexico in seizing the assets of British and French banking institutions in the Mexican capital. The banks are closed as the result of the Carranza decrees, and it is declared that the interests of British and French stockholders have been seriously affected. Because the French financial interests in the banks are much larger than the British, France has taken the lead in the protests, but the British chassy has notified the state department that it is in full sympathy with them.

So far the state department has given no indication of what it will do, but it is believed they probably will be first transmitted to the members of the joint commission now sitting at Atlantic City.

Mr. Hobler, the British charge of the legation in Mexico City, is in Washington now for a conference with the embassy officials here regarding conditions in Mexico.

### KIN OF BANDIT LEADER IN NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Oct. 4.—The wife and infant daughter of Hipolito Villa, brother of Francisco, Mexican bandit leader, accompanied by Michaela Villa, five year old daughter of Francisco, arrived here last night on a steamer from Havana. They were met at the steamer by Hipolito Villa, who came here from San Antonio. The Villa party spent last night at the immigration station, where the authorities detained the daughter of the bandit chieftain for investigation as to why she was in the custody of her aunt. Hipolito Villa told the authorities at a hearing that the child had lived with his family since she was a baby; that he intended to adopt her; that he would provide for her in every way and see to her education. Villa said he intended to engage in the cattle business near San Antonio. After the hearing the officers released the child to her uncle.

Villa said Mrs. Luz Corral Villa, wife of the bandit leader, did not accompany his family, and her name was not on the steamer's passenger list. Hipolito said his brother's wife had decided to remain in Cuba for the present, at least.

The Villa party departed last night for San Antonio.

### MOLES, WHITE GRUBS AND MICE IN THE GARDEN.

Moles, white grubs and mice may cause a great deal of trouble in gardens. The white grubs are the larvae of the June beetle, which likes to lay its eggs in grassy places. If your garden grew up in grass during the summer, white grubs probably will be dining on the roots of your fall vegetables. Moles, which are insect-eating animals, like the grubs, and wherever their burrows are seen the grubs can probably be found. Moles do not feed on the vegetable roots, but their burrows frequently injure plants because the loosened earth soon dries beneath the roots. Mice follow the old burrows and feed on the vegetables.

J. R. Watson, entomologist to the University of Florida Experiment Station, suggests that the garden be cleared of grubs to avoid mice and mice. Hogs may be pastured in the garden before it is plowed, but that is not possible at this late date. It would be better to allow the chickens to follow the plow while the garden is being broken up. They will catch most of the grubs.

Moles can usually be discouraged from running in gardens by trampling their runs. It is advisable to tramp the earth solid around plants under which moles have run to prevent the soil from drying.

H. G. Gates left yesterday afternoon for Washington, D. C., where he will spend a week or so transacting business.

Dr. E. J. Yelvington will leave this evening on a short business trip, to be out of the city until Friday morning.